

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1 and 2 have been amended in order to include legends describing the elements of each figure.

Attachment: Two Replacement Sheets (FIGS. 1 and 2) Attachment:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claim 5 and incorporated the subject matter of cancelled claim 5 into independent claims 1 and 8-10. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-10 are all the claims pending in the application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

I. Overview of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peeters (U.S. Patent No. 6,947,372) in view of Anne et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0081741, hereafter "Anne"). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peeters in view of Anne and further in view of Spruyt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,386, hereafter "Spruyt"). Claims 4-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

II. Preliminary Matters

A. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objects to the Drawings because the Examiner asserts that the numbers used as labels in FIGS. 1 and 2 are not descriptive. By this Amendment, Applicant has added legends to FIGS. 1 and 2 in order to improve clarity. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the drawings.

B. Amendment to the Specification

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification in order to comport to U.S.P.T.O. guidelines.

C. Amendment to the Abstract

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the Abstract in order to improve clarity and to comport to U.S.P.T.O. guidelines. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the Abstract.

D. Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-10 in order to improve clarity.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8-10 to incorporate allowable dependent claim 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8-10, as well as dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 should now be in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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